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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Reasons for Allowance mailed January 18, 2006, the Examiner states that the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest at least two pistons with one of which being movable to compress the seal in response to the wellbore fluid pressure and the other of the piston being movable to compress the seal in response to the fluid pressure supplied to a fluid port on the tubular. Further, the Examiner states that the piston or pistons of the prior art do not function to compress the sealing element(s) due to wellbore fluid and the fluid pressure introduced through the tubular fluid pressure control line.

However, not all of the limitations identified in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance are present in each of the allowed claims. For example,

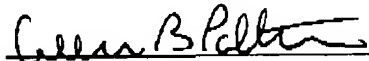
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independent claim 10 does not include any limitation regarding the pistons responding to, or functioning due to, wellbore pressure (see, claim 11 dependent on claim 10). Even though not every limitation identified in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is present in the claims, the prior art still fails to teach, show or suggest the invention as claimed in any of allowable claims 1-26.

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